

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: MODEL FOR THE ESTIMATION OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED UNLISTED CORPORATIONS (*DISCOUNTED SHARE PRICING—DSPMODEL*) OR A BUSINESS ACTIVITY (*DISCOUNTED SUBSTANCE PRICING—DSPMODEL*)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 11 and 12 as follows:

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the final valuation of the corporation or business activity includes an evaluation of a synergy value representing a financial value of synergies resulting from a joint operation of two corporations, said synergy value being included in a given number of years, subject to a given allocation/split between the two corporations.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, performed by means of a computer program installed on a computer, as the desired data are keyed into the computer, following which the computer program performs calculations for purposes of the valuation of a corporation or a business activity.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

11. (Amended) A method according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-10, wherein the final valuation of the corporation or business activity includes an evaluation of a synergy value representing a financial value of synergies resulting from a joint operation of two corporations, said synergy value being included in a given number of years, subject to a given allocation/split between the two corporations.

12. (Amended) A method according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-11, performed by means of a computer program installed on a computer, as the desired data are keyed into the computer, following which the computer program performs calculations for purposes of the valuation of a corporation or a business activity.